



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0022**

Introduced , by Rep. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. X, Sec. 1

Proposes to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution. Requires the State to provide for an adequately funded system of high quality public educational institutions and services. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the  
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general  
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X  
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE X  
11 EDUCATION

12 (ILCON Art. X, Sec. 1)

13 SECTION 1. GOAL - FREE SCHOOLS

14 A fundamental goal of the People of the State is the  
15 educational development of all persons to the limits of their  
16 capacities.

17 The State shall provide for an adequately funded and  
18 efficient system of high quality public educational  
19 institutions and services. Education in public schools through  
20 the secondary level shall be free. There may be such other free  
21 education as the General Assembly provides by law.

22 The State has the primary responsibility for financing the  
23 system of public education.

1 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

2 SCHEDULE

3 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
4 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
5 Constitutional Amendment Act.